

HOUSE No. 2725

By Mr. Timilty of Milton, petition of Walter F. Timilty and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the delivery of prescription drugs in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DELIVERY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 There is hereby established a special commission to study the
- 2 delivery of prescription drug benefits in the Commonwealth. The
- 3 Commission shall study and analyze bulk purchasing, discount
- 4 cards, private section insurance drug programs, pharmaceutical
- 5 benefit managers, and other issues which may improve prescrip-
- 6 tion drug benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth.
- 7 The Commission shall consist of 4 members of the House
- 8 appointed by the Speaker, 1 member of the House appointed by
- 9 the House Minority Leader, 4 members of the Senate appointed by
- 10 the President, and 1 member of the Senate appointed by the
- 11 Senate Minority Leader, and 5 members appointed by the gov-
- 12 ernor; one of whom shall represent the Group Insurance Commis-
- 13 sion, one of whom shall represent the Division of Health Care
- 14 Policy and Finance, one of whom shall be the designee of the
- 15 Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of
- 16 Massachusetts, one of whom shall be a designee of PHARMA,

17 one of whom shall be a representative of the Retail Pharmacists
18 and one of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts
19 Chain Pharmacy Council.

20 The Commission shall issue a report no later than 270 days
21 after its first organizational meeting.

22 The Division of Healthcare Policy and Finance and the Group
23 Insurance Commission shall provide research, materials and infor-
24 mation it has developed on the issues and such other assistance as
25 may be necessary and practical.